

I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184. E-Rate has been very important to Chino Valley USD because it has helped our students and teachers gain access to a wealth of online resources, communicate and collaborate, and develop the 21st century skills necessary for college and career. However, E-Rate funding levels have not kept pace with my district's bandwidth needs. I urge you to raise the E-Rate funding level to at least \$5 billion per year, which is close to the average demand level for each of the past two years.

As a National Board Certified Teacher and technology innovator in Arizona, I know that digital learning is a prerequisite for students to graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's global economy. Access to high-speed broadband is the key to allowing modern teaching and learning to occur in all schools across the country.

As a teacher, I use digital learning to personalize learning, meet Common Core State Standards, administer online assessments, and make data-driven decisions. Examples of the digital learning tools we use in my classroom include Edmodo and NoRedInk. However, my school network is failing to keep up with demand, and the need for a reliable high-speed network is only going to increase in the near future.

I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.

Sincerely,

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